



**MAJOR FLOODING UPDATE**  
**Monday March 7, 2011**  
**8:00 AM**

## DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY

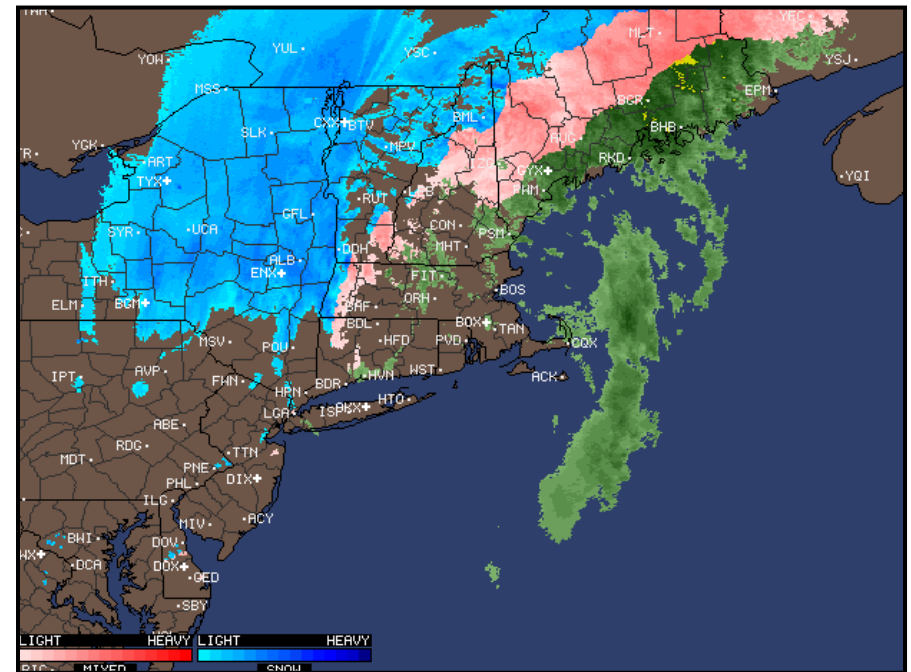
Peter J. Boynton, Commissioner



### EXCESSIVE SNOWMELT CONTINUES TO CAUSE MODERATE TO MAJOR FLOODING IN PARTS OF WESTERN AND CENTRAL CONNECTICUT... SIGNIFICANT FLOOD DAMAGE TO HOMES BEING REPORTED IN SEVERAL TOWNS IN WESTERN AND CENTRAL CONNECTICUT...

At 7:45 AM radar showed showers across Connecticut as the large storm system that delivered 2 – 4 inches of rain pulls away from Southern New England. Severe flooding has been reported along the Housatonic and Pomperaug Rivers with reports of homes and cars being sweep down the Housatonic River. Several other rivers are now well above flood stage with a few rivers experiencing major flooding. Towns are strongly advised to closely monitor their small and medium rivers and streams for flooding during the next several hours.

**This Morning:** Showers ending by 9:00 AM. Total rainfall is expected to range from 1 – 2 inches in Eastern CT up to 4 inches in Western CT. Widespread urban and basement flooding is still occurring for the few hours. Smaller rivers (e.g. Rippowam River in Stamford) are forecast to crest by Noontime. Medium to Large rivers (e.g. Housatonic River) are not expected to crest until later today. Selected river levels are shown below. DEMHS will continue to monitor this major flooding event and will issue another update at 10:00 AM This Morning.



**CURRENT RADAR PICTURE AT 7:45 AM**

RIVER	CURRENT STAGE	FLOOD STAGE	CREST at TIME/DAY	FLOOD LEVEL	WATCHES AND WARNINGS
Farmington River at Simsbury	12.4 FT	12.0 FT	15.8 FT at 12:00 PM Mon Night	Moderate	<b>Flood Watches</b> All of Connecticut
Housatonic River at Stevenson	20.5 FT	11.0 FT	20.4 FT at 2:00 PM This Afternoon	Major	<b>Flood Warnings</b> Housatonic, Farmington, Still Naugatuck
Still River at Brookfield	18.5 FT	12.0 FT	Not updated at this time	Major	
Connecticut River at Hartford	9.2 FT	16.0 FT	18.4 FT at 4:00 AM Wed Morning	Minor	<b>Winter Storm Watches</b> None at this time
Quinnipiac River at Southington	9.8 FT	6.0 FT	Not Available at this time	Moderate	<b>Winter Weather Advisories</b> None at this time.
Quinnipiac River at Wallingford	11.5 FT	9.0 FT	Not Available at this time	Moderate	
Pomperaug at Southbury	17.0 FT	8.0 FT	Not Available at this time	Major	<b>Wind Advisories</b> Southern New London .

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